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GOVERNMENT CONTROL OF MINES.

RAILROADS and coal mines may fail the government in its hour of stress and other enterprises may stagger under the strain to which they are subjected by the war needs of the country, says the Mining Review. There is one big industry, however, that has met all current requirements, as much so as is humanly possible, and that is metal mining. The mines of the West have made a remarkable output when the numerous handicaps to which they have been subjected are taken into account. Strikes, inspired by pro-German agitators, a shortage of labor, high wages and the abnormal cost of supplies all are factors that well might discourage the mining men and cause them to be less active than they have been. Regardless of all crippling obstacles, operators have speeded up production to meet the requirements of the government and our allies, and they have shown results such as could only be obtained by aggressive and scientific management.

In spite of this praiseworthy record of the metal mining industry, there come reports from Washington that western mines are to be taken over by the government and run under a dictatorship. If these disturbing reports are true they reflect the eastern ignorance of mining. So long as the mines are being conducted as they are now, and getting such excellent results under skilled management, the government would be wise to let well enough alone. The average eastern legislator or business man still clings to the foolish views of earlier times, when it was thought that a barber or a butcher was fully capable of operating a mine successfully, and no special knowledge or training was necessary to turn a prospect into a dividend-payer. In reality, mining is one of the most complex and scientific industries in the world, requiring the services of experts who have had years of special training and study along scientific lines. To take the control of the mines away from men of this class and place them under the direction of novices in mining would be a rash experiment at a time when the country can ill afford to tamper with an industry that has fully proved its efficiency.

Instead of taking over the mines, the government would do better to conscript labor for mining, and leave the mines wholly in charge of their present operators. If this were done, there would be no trouble about securing enough metal to supply the needs of the government and the allies, and all the world as well.

PARCEL POST DELINQUENCIES.

DESPITE the fact that the government some time ago entered into competition with the express companies of the United States in the matter of handling parcels, and took the advantage of prescribing fixed charges for the latter concerns, there has been no marked improvement in the manner in which parcels are conveyed. Some time ago there was an instance which the Bonanza recalls where an expensive package of bank chemical check paper was placed in a sack with a chunk of bloody raw beef and the paper was ruined. It was insured, but the insurance money was never paid.

Wells Fargo does not handle parcels so carelessly, conveying them in crates or boxes, so that they arrive in better condition, but this concern is but slight improvement over the government in the matter of paying better than starvation wages to employees. What is gained at the present time in reduction in rates is lost by careless service, although the express companies do make deliveries. The complaints made regarding the manner in which the government delivered the Christmas boxes to the soldiers were doubtless well founded. This complaint against the parcel post service is made with but one motive, namely, that it be improved. These are strenuous times, and certain inaccuracies, omissions and crudeness of effort may be overlooked; but it is the duty of all citizens and of all newspapers to aid in not only the speeding up but the steadying up of all branches of the service.

TIP TO OIL LAND LOCATORS.

GRAT interest is being taken at present in the reported discoveries of oil indications and many claims have been staked by Tonopah people. They should be warned that they will lose their time and expense if they are not prepared to immediately start drilling on their ground. Placer claims for oil cannot be held as are quartz claims, but the work done on them must be actual search for oil, and that requires rigging to go to depth. Furthermore, there can be no declaration made on oil placer claims as on quartz claims, which relieves the owner from the performance of annual work.

SLACKERS FROM OTHER LANDS.

IF ALL Canadians and British in Nevada up to 45 years would enlist in the service of their country they would be a very considerable number. The British-Canadian recruiting mission is in possession of the names and addresses of most of them and it is believed voluntary enlistments by these men will very greatly increase.

The impending treaty at Washington forecasts a round-up of aliens by British, French and Italian officers for service under their own flags. Also a number of Americans of draft age have crossed into Canada. Under the proposed treaty these men may be drafted into the United States army.

The state council of defense requests loyal citizens to consider the British or Canadian subject who is escaping military service, merely by reason of his present location, in precisely the same

category as they do the physically fit American who evades his duty by escape into some foreign land. The attention of employers is especially called to this consideration, which applies with equal force to French and Italian slackers.

Airplanes, according to reputable witnesses, are becoming very numerous at night in this region. The wonder is where they keep themselves at night. The answer may be in the fact that imagination is less vivid and creative when the sun is shining.

GRAPEVINES FROM GOTHAM.

Our idea of a martyr is the chap who has to laugh at the bartender's jokes.

Senator Robert Owen is sponsoring a "trench dinner" in Washington. By inviting the proper guests to sit in the opposite "trenches," some realistic war atmosphere could be obtained.

An opera singer, arrested as a spy, had a German code printed on her shoulders. Any message engraved on the shoulders of some of our most popular prima donnas would be as good as a public proclamation.

"Germany has won, but the allies don't know it," declares General von Stein. All right, General; come on and prove it to us.

A man stood in Fifth avenue and looked with bewilderment at the "W. S. S." pennants hung on the lamp-posts. "Now what foreign mission is visiting here now?" he mused.

Now if Professor Garfield himself would only take, say, seven days off every week for the duration of the war, maybe the rest of the industrious citizenry could get a little work done.—Morning Telegraph.

FORMER GERMAN TRIED FOR TREASON.

NEW YORK, Jan. 30.—Ensign Joseph A. Flynn, who said he had spent seven of the twelve years of his service in the United States navy in the study and operation of torpedoes, detailed the part the gyroscope plays in controlling their course, when called as a witness in the case of Paul C. H. Hennig, a former subject of Germany, on trial for treason in the federal court in Brooklyn.

This testimony tended to show that an infinitesimal variance from prescribed measurements in any of the "gyro" parts, such as Hennig is alleged to have "maliciously and traitorously mutilated," while a foreman in the plan of E. W. Bliss & Co., would cause the torpedo in which the assembled gyroscope was placed to veer far from its course.

The "gyro" parts in question, which have been presented in evidence, were so imperfect, Ensign Flynn declared, that their defects were apparent to him from a cursory examination with a common magnifying glass. Ordinarily, he said, these parts are subjected to searching tests with microscopes and measuring devices.

VILLA BANDITS SLAY WITH DYNAMITE.

JUAREZ, Mexico, Jan. 30.—More than 110 soldiers and passengers were killed by Villa followers Saturday twenty-five miles south of Santa Rosalia, when the Villa troops dynamited a work train going to Rellano.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

In the District Court of the Fifth Judicial District of the State of Nevada, in and for Nye County. In the matter of the estate of Margaret Malley, deceased.

Notice is hereby given, that the undersigned has been duly appointed and qualified by the District Court of the Fifth Judicial District of the State of Nevada, in and for Nye County, as administrator of the estate of Margaret Malley, late of said county, deceased.

All creditors having claims against said estate are requested to file the same, with proper vouchers attached, with the Clerk of the Court within forty days after the first publication of this notice.

Dated this 29th day of January, 1918.
 FRANK T. DUNN, Administrator.
 Frank T. Dunn, Attorney for Administrator.
 Date of first publication Jan. 30, 1918.
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Notice is hereby given that at a meeting of the Board of Directors, held on the 31st day of December, 1917, an assessment (No. 1) of two cents per share was levied upon the capital stock of the corporation, payable immediately, in United States gold coin, to the secretary, at the office of the company, 365 Russ Building, San Francisco, California.

Any stock upon which this assessment shall remain unpaid on the 31st day of January, 1918, will be delinquent and advertised for sale at public auction, and unless payment is made before, will be sold on Monday, the 11th day of March, 1918, to pay the delinquent assessment, together with the cost of advertising and expenses of sale.

By order of Board of Directors
 CHARLES D. OLNEY, Secretary
 Office Room 365 Russ Building, San Francisco, California. J2-J31

ASSESSMENT NOTICE.

MANHATTAN UNION AMALGAMATED MINES SYNDICATE.
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MONEY FACTORY IS WORKING OVERTIME.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 30.—Uncle Sam's largest money factory, the Philadelphia mint, is working these days as it never worked before in the history of the country. This is in the natural order of things because the war has created unprecedented demand for coin of all denominations.

No gold is being minted at present, but halves, quarters, dimes, nickels and pennies are being turned out by the million. A double force of workmen keep the mint going sixteen hours a day and more men are employed now than ever before.

In peaceful times much coining was done here for foreign governments, principally South America, but since the United States entered the war the special work has been stopped. The last job of this sort was for Cuba, the entire coinage of the island having been made here.

FORBID PHOTOGRAPHS OF RESTRICTED ZONE.

(By Associated Press.)

ANCON, Canal Zone, Jan. 30.—Frank Gouillo, acting governor of the Panama canal zone, has issued an order prohibiting employees from making photographs which show any part of the restricted areas in the canal zone or any of the ships in transit through the canal or at the terminals.

Only photographs of a purely personal or family character may be taken in the zone. Employees having previously made photographs in their possession which might reveal anything of value to the enemy are instructed to submit them for censorship before sending any of them out.

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GOVERNMENT MAY DRAW GREAT HORD OF COINED SILVER INTO PUBLIC USE

The vast hoard of \$500,000,000 in coined silver with which the United States treasury backs its silver certificates may presently be drawn into world use, but not in the manner Wall street wisecracks have been predicting and advocating. This is the message Whitman Symmes, manager of the Union Consolidated and other Comstock mines, and Nevada's representative of the price fixing board, brings back from his conference with the authorities at Washington, says the Bulletin.

In the eastern centers, where interest in the mining of precious metals takes a back seat to railroad and industrial enterprises, there has been an agitation for some time to sell the United States treasury holdings of silver to the allies as bullion.

A better plan of using this vast store of silver to pay the war expenses of Uncle Sam has been approved and legislation providing therefor has been framed at the conference at which Symmes participated in Washington. Along with the outflow of silver coin for war expenses it is provided that silver certificates be retired and federal reserve notes issued to take their place, as the gold reserves would follow exportation of Uncle Sam's silver surplus instead of gold in the payment of such foreign obligations as the annual jute debt to India, purchases of commodities from China and even from Japan, which, with its increasing trade with Asiatic countries, finds a pressing need for silver. It is understood, for instance, that Japan is ready to accept

Replacement of the silver so withdrawn from the treasury is provided for, but not immediately. The shortage in silver this year is expected to make immediate replacement out of the question.

These deposits are not very thick and their yield of oil is not greater than that of shales now distilled for petroleum in Scotland, but they are somewhat unusual in that the shale contains a considerable amount of phosphate as well as the bituminous matter that is convertible into petroleum.

A sample of this shale from Muddy Creek basin yielded 7.5 gallons of petroleum per ton of shale and 15.56 per cent of phosphate, and a sample from Smallhorn canyon yielded 24 gallons of petroleum per ton of shale and 2.62 per cent of phosphate.

A brief report on these shales, prepared by C. F. Bowen, has just been issued as Bulletin 661-L, copies of which may be obtained on application to the director, United States geological survey, department of the interior, Washington, D. C.

RUMANIA'S PREMIER RESIGNS.
 AMSTERDAM, Jan. 30.—A dispatch received from Berlin says the Rumanian premier, J. C. C. Brattiano, has resigned. He will be succeeded, according to the dispatch, by General Fofea Averesco, former minister of war, and lately commander of the Rumanian forces in Dobruja.

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